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Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners Clyburn, Copps, and McDowell:

Like most U.S. mayors, my primary focus is on finding unique ways to entice new businesses to move to my community. Steubenville's unemployment rate was 10.5 percent in August, a full point-and-a-half higher than Ohio's jobless rate and the nation's.

As a smaller community, it's more difficult for us to attract new companies. One issue we have is access to high-speed wireless broadband. Nearby cities like Pittsburgh have reliable, widespread access to this technology, which makes it more desirable for a growing company to move there.

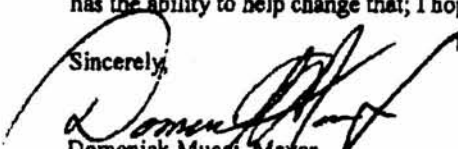
The proposed AT&T and T-Mobile merger now pending before your commission would give Steubenville equal access to high-speed wireless broadband. As you know, as part of the merger agreement, AT&T has promised to invest an additional \$8 billion in its 4G LTE network.

AT&T had initially estimated its 4G network would cover 80 percent of Americans. With this added investment an additional 55 million Americans would have high-speed wireless access. That \$8 billion would result in coverage over one million additional miles.

In today's fast-paced economy, wireless broadband is an essential tool for small and large companies. It improves profits by allowing entrepreneurs to market their products all over the world, and improves productivity by allowing business owners to oversee their operations no matter where they are.

Steubenville is a great community with highly-rated schools and an excellent quality of life. But certain things are holding us back when attracting and keeping businesses here, including our lack of access to 4G. Your commission has the ability to help change that; I hope you will.

Sincerely,


Domenick Mucci, Mayor
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